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For: Valve Assembly for Attenuating Bounce of  
Hydraulically Drive Members of a Machine

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### STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed more than 18 months ago and a substantive office action has not been received.

Please advise the undersigned attorney of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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